# **Application Procedures**

https://coe.hawaii.edu/academics/curriculum-studies/graduate-certificate/how-to-apply

# **Application Deadlines**

New cohort Fall of every even year Apply by January 15 (even years)

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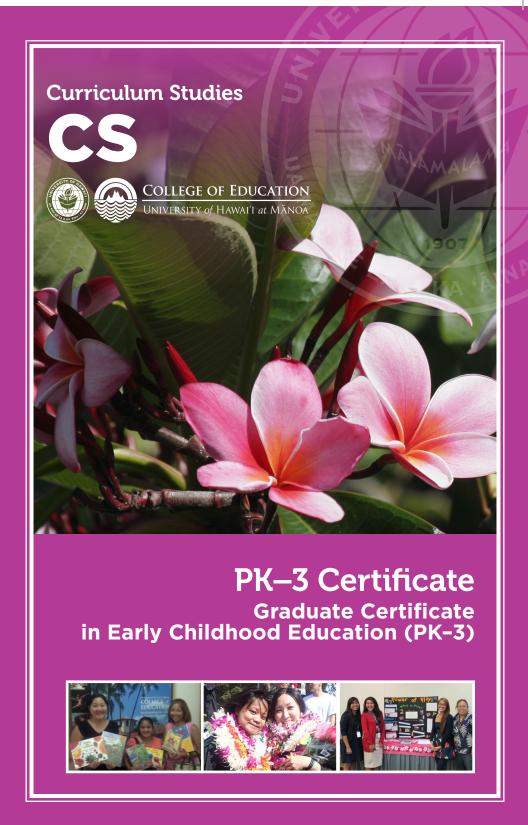
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#### **Websites**

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# **CS**Curriculum Studies



# **Graduate Certificate**in Early Childhood Education (PK-3)

# **Description of Program**

The PK-3 Certificate program is a 15-credit graduate certificate program focusing on preschool through 3rd grade (PK-3) education. The certificate provides a foundation for related field educators to develop expertise and become informed about the developmental and educational needs of children 3-8 years old and their families. For teachers with an initial license in K-6, the certificate allows teachers to add a PK-3 field to their initial teacher license.

# **Special Features of the Program**

PK-3 Certificate Program Features:

- Collegial: Cohorted coursework creates a sense of community (complete in 2 years)
- Accessible: Hybrid offerings enable access statewide throughout the academic year
- Recognized: Successful concurrent completion of PK-3 Certificate together with CS PK-3 MEd prepares teachers to add a PK-3 field to an initial license
- Aligned: Addresses content included in NBPTS Certification for Generalist Early Childhood Education (PK-3) and NAEYC Professional Standards
- Articulated: Can be completed alone or concurrently with a CS PK-3 MEd
- Affordable: Qualifies for community based & College of Education ECE scholarships

#### Coursework

Program of Study includes 15 credits

#### **Mandatory Courses:**

- EDCS 415 Early Childhood: Foundations and Curriculum
- EDEP 664 Instructional Psychology
- EDCS 617 Early Literacy and Language Development
- EDCS 622B Development and Improvement of Curriculum in Early Childhood Education
- EDCS 656 Seminar in Issues in Early Childhood Education

# Capstone

Professional Portfolio addressing NAEYC / NBPTS Professional Standards

# **Admissions Requirements**

- Successful completion of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 3.0 GPA in last two years
- TOEFL if applicable
- Completed application
- Strong evidence of experience, academic ability and character to carry out graduate work
- 1 year successful experience in PK-3 teaching
- Access to a PK-3 classroom
- Laptop computer and internet access